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NEWSY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

News Items of Interest to Herald Readers Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

LATTA

The people of Latta are glad to have Mr. P. C. Dew with his white apron and genial smile resume his place at his old stand and the rush of orders he is receiving goes to show that the reopening of his clean up-to-date market is appreciated.

Mrs. Annie Cottingham and daughter Mary spent Thursday with Mrs. O. J. Fenegan.

Mrs. Florence Godbold visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Allen have returned from Allendale where they have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Judson Allen.

Mrs. D. B. Shine is in Wilmington having her baby treated by Dr. Sidberry, baby specialist.

Miss Sallie Kate Mims is in a hospital in Charleston for treatment.

Mrs. Troy Autry of Dunbar was in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Graves spent last week at Branchville where they went to be present at the marriage of Mrs. Graves' sister.

Mrs. Letha Low of Timmonsville spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. David Manship.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Bethea of Goldsboro are visiting relatives in town.

Miss Kittie Allen has returned from Allendale where she has been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Manship left Sunday for a stay at Rocky River Springs.

Mr. Dewey Freeman returned to the Florence hospital Saturday after spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman.

Mr. Theodor Brown who has been in school in Atlanta is at home for vacation.

Miss Mary Woodley and her mother of Ohio were the guests of Miss Mae Belle Parham last week.

Mrs. H. A. Bethea is in Henderson, N. C. visiting her brother.

Miss Virginia Eddy of Stanton, Va. is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bethea.

Mrs. John Holland of Fayette, Mo. is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Manning.

Mr. W. W. Braddy and family left last week for Henderson, N. C., where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. Rachel Davis of Clinton is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Nathan Bethea of Wilmington, N. C., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bethea.

DILLON COUNTY ORGANIZES.

Following a call from County Chairman L. Cottingham of the South Carolina Development Board a number of representative citizens from various sections of the county met in the Commissioner's room at the court house Tuesday morning and organized for the purpose of carrying on the membership campaign in the county. Short talks were made by A. B. Jordan, D. W. Chase of Darlington, who has charge of the work in this district, and Chairman Cottingham, all of whom explained the purpose of the Development Board Dillon's quota is \$9,000.00 which is to be paid in three annual installments. The county has been divided into school districts and a membership campaign will be launched at once. The South Carolina Development Board has undertaken a great work—that of developing the natural resources of the state and establishing markets and systematizing the sale of farm products—and if it succeeds in carrying out its plans millions of dollars will be added to the wealth of this state.

Concerning the Furman Quartette.

The Furman Quartette is composed of Messrs. B. M. Moore, first tenor; J. B. McCravy, second tenor; C. L. Leauge, baritone and F. L. Jones, basso. The story of this quartette is the meeting of four real musicians. Their work both vocal and instrumental is of a high order. Mr. Donald H. McGibeny lecturer Redpath Chautauqua de Luxe, says, "from an experience of several years' Chautauqua and Lyceum work I am happy to state that from the standpoint of expression, tone and harmony it is one of the best quartettes I have ever heard." The Edgefield Chronicle has this to say, "the greatest musical and entertaining treat that Edgefield has enjoyed in many moons was the Furman Quartette. The pianist is a second Paderewski and the violinist can be compared with great artists. Mr. W. M. Blackburn is the manager and is also an entertainer and impersonator and assists the quartette. This quartette is scheduled to give an entertainment in the auditorium of the Dillon High School on Thursday evening, July 1st. A musical treat is in store for those who come.

In removing old paper from the walls of a room easily brush hot water on it with a whitewash brush. This will not hurt the plaster and the paper can be removed very easily.

To dry a washed sweater so that it will not stretch a particle, neither grow musty as it dries, swing it from the clothes line in a hammock made of white mosquito netting.

COOPER HAS NO OPPOSITION.

Campaign for State Officers Opened at Columbia Tuesday and for Senate and Congress at Sumter Tuesday.

Columbia, June 21.—When the list of entries into the Democratic primaries closed today at noon, there was opposition for only three State offices for the United States Senate, in four districts for Congress and five circuits for solicitor.

From the present outlook, the forthcoming campaign which opens at Sumter tomorrow for the United States Senate and at Columbia for State officers, will be unprecedentedly quiet. The people are not thinking about politics, particularly as there are very few, pronounced issues.

The most interesting race will be for the United States Senate: E. D. Smith, of Lynchburg, incumbent, is being opposed by George Warren, of Hampton, solicitor of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; William P. Pollock, of Cheraw, former United States Senator and William C. Irby, of Laurens, for ten years a member of the House of Representatives and candidate in 1914 for governor.

Governor Cooper is without opposition, as is W. Banks Dove, of Columbia, Secretary of State; Samuel M. Wolfe, of Anderson, attorney general; S. T. Carter, of Columbia, State treasurer; John E. Swearingen, of Columbia, State Superintendent of Education and B. Harris, of Pendleton, commissioner of agriculture, commerce and industries.

Duncan Enters Politics.

The most remarkable entrant into the State political arena, is Walter E. Duncan, of Aiken, a widely known South Carolina newspaper man, who will be unopposed for comptroller general. Some days ago, the incumbent, Rut. L. Osborne, of Anderson, resigned for July 1, and declared he would not offer for reelection. Governor Cooper appointed Wilbur V. Sutherland, of Columbia, chief clerk to the department for the unexpired term. John I. Rice, of Columbia secretary of the State tax commission, then announced. A few days later Mr. Duncan, whose only experience in State politics was the executive secretaryship during the administration of former Governor Richard I. Manning entered the race. Mr. Rice withdrew, and no one else has offered. This is the first time in many years that a new man has offered for political preferment without being opposed.

The incumbent, Junius T. Liles, of Orangeburg, is not offering for reelection as Lieutenant Governor, and Octavius Cohen, a lawyer of Charleston; Wilson G. Harvey, financier of Charleston and Oscar K. Mauldin, of Greenville, are in the race.

W. W. Moore, of Barnwell, adjutant general, for the past ten years is being opposed by Col. Atticus H. Marchant, of Orangeburg, a veteran of the world war.

Smith Against Shealy. Frank W. Shealy of Lexington, chairman of the State Railroad Commission is being opposed by D. L. Smith of Walterboro; D. N. McCaskill of Camden and R. L. Moss of Columbia.

For Congress: James F. Byrnes of Aiken, representative from the second district; W. F. Stevens, of Cheraw, from the fifth district and Philip H. Stoll, from the sixth district, are without opposition. Congressman Richard S. Whaley, of Charleston, first district, is opposed by W. Turber Logan, a lawyer of Charleston; Congressman Fred H. Dominick of Newberry, third district, by W. W. Bradley, of Abbeville, auditor for the State Bank examiner department; and E. C. Mann, of Orangeburg, seventh district, by H. P. Fulmer, of Norway, farmer, banker and legislator. Samuel M. Nichols, of Spartanburg, announced some time ago that he would not again offer for Congress from the fourth district, and J. J. McSwain of Greenville, a lawyer; David H. Traxler, of Greenville, a real estate man—A. E. Hill, of Spartanburg, a lawyer and Jack H. Wilson, of Spartanburg, a labor union man have filed their pledges from that district.

For solicitor, A. J. Hydrick, of Orangeburg, first circuit; R. L. Gunter, of Aiken, second circuit; J. Monroe Spears of Darlington, fourth circuit; J. K. Henry, of Chester, for the sixth circuit; I. C. Blackwood, of Spartanburg for seventh circuit and Thomas P. Stoney, of Charleston, for ninth circuit, are without opposition. H. S. Blackwell of Laurens for the eighth circuit, is opposed by T. Frank McCord, of Greenwood; Kurtz Howard Moore, of Abbeville; Kurtz P. Smith, of Anderson, for the tenth circuit, by Leon L. Rice and Leon W. Harris of Anderson.

Timmerman Retires.

George Bell Timmerman of Lexington, is not in the race for reelection from the eleventh circuit, and T. C. Callison of Lexington and S. Muzon Smith, of Edgefield, are offering. J. Robert Martin, of Greenville, has not offered for re-election from the thirteenth district and John M. Daniel, J. G. Leatherwood, A. C. Mann David W. Smoak, W. E. Bowen and C. G. Wyche, all of Greenville, are in the race to succeed him.

George Warren, in the race for the United States Senate leaves the solicitorship of the fourteenth circuit open and R. M. Jefferies, of Waterboro; Randolph Murdough, of Hampton and Heber R. Padgett, of Walterboro, are in the race for the office.

DILLON MEN HAVE STRANGE EXPERIENCE.

Lose Each Other While Driving Out of Detroit and Arrive Home a Few Hours Apart.

An interesting story is being told of two well-known Dillon men who went out to Detroit to drive automobiles home and got lost from each other before they left the city. The strange part of it is they must have kept pretty close to each other all the way down as they arrived home only a few hours apart.

Detroit is a bone dry town and even if it were not, neither of the gentlemen indulges in the "oil of joy" and they cannot therefore be accused of having tampered with the stuff that confuses men's minds and leads them astray.

As the story goes the two gentlemen whose names are withheld for obvious reasons were leaving the great western city when the one in the rear car got into an argument with a cop in a traffic jam. The one in front went on a few paces ahead and stopped his car to wait for his companion, but traffic was piling up all around him and he had to move. He looked back and saw his companion turn into a side street and he went in that direction for the purpose of cutting him off and getting together. But he never saw his friend. He did not even see an automobile that resembled the car his companion was driving. He drove out from Detroit about 40 miles where he waited by the side of the road for several hours, but as his companion failed to show up he drove back to the city and made diligent enquiry for him at various places without picking up the slightest trace of him.

He turned his face homeward and drove to a city some 60 miles out of Detroit where he put up for the night and then made enquiry at all the hotels for his companion. His search was unsuccessful and the next morning he opened the throttle wide and drove rapidly in the hope of catching up with him, but automobile after automobile and city after city were passed and still there was no trace of his friend. Well to make a long story short he drove into Dillon at three o'clock in the afternoon, and the next morning at one o'clock his lost companion arrived, tired, travel-stained and weary. Both followed practically the same route all the way from Detroit and stopped over-night in the same cities, all of which goes to show how small and yet how large the world is.

D. C. McMillan Passes Away.

A gloom was cast over this town and community Sunday, June the 21st when the sad news reached here that our friend and fellow townsman Mr. D. A. McMillan had passed away in Sumter, S. C., on Saturday night, where he had gone just a few days prior for treatment. All that loving hands and skilled physicians could do was done, but all to no avail. Deceased had been a resident of Lake View six years. He had served as mayor and held a responsible position with the R. and C. railroad here, which post he resigned only a few days before the death angel claimed him. As mayor and agent he filled both places efficiently and that he was esteemed by railway officials, conductors and operators on the line was made evident by their presence at the last sad rites. He came into our midst a stranger. As a friend and neighbor we had no better. We had learned to like him. Nature had given him a kindly and simple way of expressing himself so cheerfully that he had made many warm friends.

He was a member of the Lake View Baptist church where on Monday morning the funeral was conducted by his pastor, Dr. Rufus Ford, amidst a great crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives who had gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to their departed friend and brother. Deceased was buried with Masonic honors, Eulogized by Rev. W. R. Phillips, a friend and former pastor of the Methodist church here.

The beautiful floral tributes with the church packed to overflowing with friends and relatives shows the esteem which was held for our departed friend. He is survived by his wife and two children, D. C. Jr., and Hubert, five brothers and two sisters and a large family connection in Marion county.

As a marked tribute of respect to our departed fellow citizen all stores and places of business were closed for one hour. The body was gently laid away in the Lake View cemetery to await the blessed resurrection morn.

It is sad that one we liked so well, should be taken from our midst, but the joys that do not perish. Live in memory alone, all the years we've spent together shall be cherished in remembrance.

Peaceful be thy silent slumbers, Peaceful in thy grave so low; Thou no more will join our number, Thou no more our sorrows know; Yet again we hope to meet thee, When the day of life is fled, And in heaven with joy we hope to greet thee, Where no farewell leaves are shed. A Friend.

When baking in aluminum gem or bread pans, set the pans on the stove just a few seconds to slightly heat then grease and fill with the dough. By so doing you will find the gems of bread will not stick to the pans when baked.

WORST CROP EVER.

B. HARRIS REPORTS

Commissioner Harris Back from Tour of Cotton Belt—Texas Parched.

"The worst crop condition the South has ever known" is the report of B. Harris, commissioner of agriculture, on his return to his office after a trip through Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, to the cotton fields of Texas and Arkansas, and back through Tennessee and North Georgia. Mr. Harris went to Texas for two reasons, first to aid in the organization of several branches of the American Cotton Association, and second, to make a study of crop conditions, and to this end he made the trip to Texas through the Gulf states, stopping at a number of points en route, and returned through Arkansas, and by way of Memphis. He was away from Columbia for almost a month.

Mr. Harris states that if the West has two more heavy rains it will work ruin to the cotton. He says that the crops in South Carolina, while not in best condition, are in better shape than those of any other Southern state.

In Texas the farmers are suffering for the want of labor, the farm hands being attracted to the bill fields where large wages are paid.

In the Mississippi river delta section of Mississippi and Louisiana the lands are overflowed with water from the excessive rains. In all parts of the South the heavy rains have made the weeds and grass grow so profusely that much of the cotton is beyond saving. In some places, Mr. Harris says, he found the grass standing higher than the cotton. Much of the cotton will have to be abandoned. Mr. Harris says, because of its poor condition. Thousands of acres will be abandoned altogether.

Mr. Harris states that his investigations in Louisiana disclose the fact that the sugar cane acreage in that state is much reduced this year. There is also less acreage in cotton in some states. Mr. Harris expects a small crop and a high price. He says the need of the South today is for more diversification of crops, he states that if the cotton owners will hold, they will get higher prices for the staple. Mr. Harris holds a somewhat gloomy view of the situation in the country, as regards the supply of food and the necessities of life. The country faces a food famine, he says, and in many sections fear for stock is unobtainable. "The need is for more producers," says Mr. Harris; "there should be a 'stay-on-the-farm movement.'"

MONROE SHOOTING PROVES EXCITING.

Hamlet Messenger.

Facing the machine gun fire from a German nest on the western front, would compare most favorable, according to E. A. Harrill of this city, to the thrilling gun play of two highly angered youths. And Mr. Harrill is in a good position to judge, for he was one of the score or more "innocent bystanders" witnessing the Medlin-Kendall gun mele at Monroe last Sunday evening. It might be rather far fetched to say "witnessed" for, using a favorite political expression, "the vast majority" of alleged witnesses heard rather than saw during the 40 second barrage that sent Carl Medlin to the base hospital for repairs and later was responsible for the placing of Joe Kendall under a \$2,000 bond to appear at the next regular term of superior court.

According to newspaper reports, Kendall, who was a salesman in a Monroe store had some slight misunderstanding regarding the attentions he had but recently been paying Medlin's sister. Came the "show down" Sunday evening, when Kendall with father was about to leave Monroe for other parts designated. Medlin entered the coach and seeing his enemy, drew his pistol and began shooting. Kendall replied in the same language but with an instrument a little more modern. Ten shots were exchanged, and according to Mr. Harrill, all of them came in his direction.

"I really believe it was a put-up job and both of them were endeavoring to see just how close they could come to me without any serious results," said Harrill. H. M. Treadway, of Ghio, was shot through the leg during the exchange of shots and a traveling man was shot through the foot.

"I recalled after the affair was over," said Mr. Harrill, "one exceedingly fleshy person who had just succeeded in getting the upper two-thirds of his portly person through the window, calling for help. The gentleman who received a shot through the foot, did not tarry for the finish. His disappearance was almost ghastly in its suddenness and it reminded me of the slight of hand fakir. 'Now you see and now you don't.'"

According to Mr. Harrill, Carl Medlin began shooting immediately upon seeing Kendall and shot twice before the latter could draw. Kendall however, dropped behind a seat until fully prepared to defend himself. He then opened fire and three shots took effect. Medlin, while believed to be out of danger now, was considered in bad shape when taken from the train. Kendall, however, was untouched. He left the train a few miles from Rockingham. Later he returned to Monroe gave himself up to the authorities and was placed under a \$2,000 bond.

STATE CANDIDATES FILE PLEDGES

Many Will Be in the Race For Various State Offices.

Columbia June 9. — Up to Wednesday filed their pledges with the State Democratic committee officers in Columbia and others were expected to file during the day, bringing the number to at least sixteen. The entries close on the 21st, at noon. The following candidates have filed:

For Lieutenant Governor: Octavius Cohen and Wilson G. Harvey, Charleston; and O. K. Mauldin of Greenville.

For Congress: R. S. Wnaley, and W. Turner Logan of Charleston; W. F. Stevenson of Cheraw; P. H. Stoll, of Kingstree; J. J. McSwain, Greenville; Albert Hill, Spartanburg.

For Solicitor: T. C. Callison, of Lexington, 11th circuit; T. P. Stoney, Charleston, for re-election in the 9th circuit; R. L. Gunter, Aiken, for re-election in the second circuit.

For United States Senate: Senator E. D. Smith.

For Attorney General: S. M. Wolfe.

HARD ON HARDING.

New York World.

A more respectable figurehead than Warren G. Harding has never been nominated for President of the United States by either party.

Nor has either party, since the Democratic national convention of 1856 named James Buchanan, selected a candidate so little qualified to grapple with the nation's problems.

Senator Harding is the perfect flower of Old Guard politics. He is an Ohio country politician with the mind of an Ohio country politician, and he sees the world through the eyes of an Ohio country politician. Being weak and colorless and mediocre, he appealed powerfully to the managing politicians who control the Republican organization, most of whom are Senators themselves. They know Harding, and they know that he will be a faithful agent of the organization. They have worked with him, and they can prove that he never had an original idea or entertained a thought that was outside the routine of a well-trained and well-disciplined party servant.

The Republican platform adopted at Chicago is perhaps the best index to the Harding mind. Whoever is curious to know the mental processes of the Republican candidate has only to read that platform. Those are the very terms and phrases in which Senator Harding thinks and in which he expresses himself.

The Senator's friends are fond of comparing him with McKinley, but the resemblance is mainly superficial. Both came out of Ohio, but if Harding is a McKinley he is a McKinley without McKinley's personal charm, a McKinley without McKinley's extraordinary skill of managing men, a McKinley without McKinley's wide experience in public affairs.

The Republican candidate has been a member of the United States Senate for more than five years, but his name is not identified with any important act of legislation or with any public service of consequence. He has voted as Penrose and Lodge would have him vote, and he has never displayed anything that could be regarded by the most liberal interpretation as independence or courage. His conscience and his convictions are simply the routine conscience and convictions of a professional Ohio politician.

Of all the candidates whose names were presented to the Chicago convention or who were within the range of the convention's choice, Harding with the exception of Johnson and Poindexter, fell the furthest short of measuring up to the requirements of a president in this critical time. Lowden and Wood were eliminated by their campaign fund scandals, but with Hoover and Hughes and Taft and Knox and even Coolidge and Sproule and Butler to select from what more pitiful choice could have been made, in view of the colossal questions with which the next President of the United States must deal?

Senator Harding was nominated because the Old Guard Republicans want a President to whom they can give orders—a President who will take orders. Accordingly they present their puppet candidate in the person of Warren G. Harding of Ohio.

LOWE PARISH GETS TWO YEARS.

In the court of general sessions at Darlington Tuesday Lowe Parish, the young white boy who was driving the car that killed Mr. LeRoy Bethea on the public road two miles west of Dillon about a year ago, entered a plea of involuntary manslaughter and was sentenced to two years.

The case against Russell Parish, Lowe's younger brother, who was in the car at the time, was not pressed.

The car, with young Parish at the wheel, was running at a high rate of speed when it struck the buggy in which Mr. Bethea was riding. Mr. Bethea was thrown out with great violence and sustained a fracture of the skull which resulted in his death some hours afterward. The automobile continued on its journey without stopping.

The case came on for trial at the fall term of court, but was removed to Darlington, and ended Tuesday with the above result.

CYCLONE TOUCHES DILLON

Southeastern Suburbs Brushed by Oklahoma Twister Early Sunday Morning.

Residents in the southeastern suburbs were rudely awakened from their slumbers about 1:30 o'clock Sunday night by a cyclone of no mean proportions that felled trees and destroyed small outhouses. The twister came from the west and followed close on the heels of one of the most terrific electric storms that ever visited this section.

It was about 1:30 o'clock Sunday night when those who had been awakened by the mighty peals of thunder and vivid flashes of lightning, heard a low rumbling that increased in intensity as it approached. With the exception of the thunder and the pattering of the huge rain drops on the house roofs there was a stillness that was almost oppressive.

There is no sound on earth that resembles the approach of a cyclone and those who had passed through such experiences before knew what was coming. But there was no time for action. Before one could get his wits together there was a mighty roar, followed by the falling of boards and the swaying of houses, and almost as quickly as it came the mighty body of wind had swept on leaving a mass of wreckage in its wake.

A cyclone comes in the form of a funnel-shaped cloud with the small end of the funnel pointing toward the earth. It is a whirl wind of immense proportions and greatly multiplied destructive powers. It travels at the rate of fifty to sixty miles an hour and bounces up and down like a rubber ball.

Fortunately for those in its path Sunday night's cyclone happened to be above the house tops when it passed over Dillon. Only the small end of the funnel touched at spots. If it had descended to the earth the destruction of life and property would have been appalling.

The greatest damage was done to trees and small outhouses. A barn on Dillon Mill village was blown down and Stephen Proctor's automobile garage was scattered over a wide area. Mr. Proctor's automobile was in the garage but strange to say it was not even scratched. Heavy sleepers twenty feet long were picked up bodily and thrown on the opposite side of the car. Passing out of town the cyclone went in the direction of the race track where it blew down a lot of fencing and destroyed several small buildings. After passing over the race track it swerved to the left and went into a pine grove on W. Murchison's land where it uprooted trees and snapped off tops like pipe stems. The twister spent its fury in Little Pee Dee swamp.

Dozens of Chinaberry trees in town varying in size from three to sixteen inches in diameter were blown down or twisted into an unrecognizable mass. Chicken coops were smashed into kindling and next morning the streets were full of fowls wandering about in a strange and bewildered manner.

In the southern part of town telephone and electric light poles were snapped clean at the ground and it was late Monday afternoon before the current was turned on. Many of the 'phones are still out of commission.

Accompanying the cyclone was one of the heaviest rainfalls in the history of Dillon. The rain fell in torrents and if it had continued for any great length of time the streets would have been completely submerged. It was the first time Dillon has ever been visited by a cyclone and those who passed through it say they would not have another such experience for millions. It was terrifying while it lasted.

MR. W. H. MURPHY PASSES.

Mr. W. H. Murphy, for many years a well-known merchant of Dillon, died at the home of his brother, Mr. A. A. Murphy, yesterday morning at six o'clock.

Mr. Murphy had been ill about three weeks but his condition was not regarded as serious and the announcement of his death was a shock to the community. The remains will be taken to Hillsboro, N. C., the home of his birth on this morning's train.

Mr. Murphy came to Dillon from Hartsville about 15 years ago and entered the mercantile business with his brother, A. A. Murphy, trading as Murphy Bros. Before entering the mercantile business he was engaged in the tobacco business and devoted a few years of his life to farming. He was one of the solid business men of the community and was held in high esteem by his friends and business associates. He was a quiet, unassuming man who attended strictly to his own affairs, but was always ready to help in any movement for the good of his community.

Mr. Murphy was a member of the Methodist church and lived the life of a christian gentleman. He was never married, and his nearest surviving relative is his brother, Mr. A. A. Murphy.

If you have oily hair, try when shampooing it, the juice of one lemon instead of soap. Lemon cleans the hair and scalp perfectly and it cuts the oil.

A safety pin with a hook attached similar to those pins used in hanging portieres is very handy for your latch key in your shopping bag.